## AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

**Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:**

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A paper treating unit ~~includes:~~ includes a paper loading table for loading ~~paper;~~ paper, a first paper aligning member that regulates ~~a~~ position of the paper ~~by sliding~~ being slidable back and forth in the paper proceeding ~~direction;~~ direction, a second paper aligning ~~member~~ member, disposed upstream of the first paper aligning member in the paper proceeding ~~direction~~ direction, to regulate the position of the paper in the paper proceeding ~~direction;~~ direction, a third paper aligning member disposed along the paper proceeding direction to regulate the position of the paper in a width direction perpendicular to the paper proceeding direction ~~by sliding~~ being slidable back and forth in the direction perpendicular to the paper proceeding ~~direction;~~ direction, and a position detecting unit that detects the position of the first to third paper aligning members. The first and third paper aligning members are disposed independently of the paper loading table.

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A paper treating unit includes a paper loading table for loading paper, a first paper aligning member that regulates a position of the paper being slidable back and forth in the paper proceeding direction, a second paper aligning member, disposed upstream of the first paper aligning member in the paper proceeding direction, to regulate the position of the paper in the paper proceeding direction, a third paper aligning member disposed along the paper proceeding direction to regulate the position of the paper in a width direction perpendicular to the paper proceeding direction being slidable back and forth in the direction perpendicular to the paper proceeding direction, and a position detecting unit that detects the position of the first to third paper aligning members. The first and third paper aligning members are disposed independently of the paper loading table.